



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re the Application of:**

**Applicant:** James Joseph Flood      **Examiner:** Mark S. Graham  
**Application No.:** 10/015,348      **Art Unit:** 3711  
**Filing Date:** 12/12/2001  
**For:** Shock Absorbing Baseball Bat and Method of Manufacturing

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2003**

Applicant responds to the office action dated September 2, 2003 (the "Office Action") as follows:

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